

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT[441]

Adopted and Filed

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 234.6(4), the Department of Human Services amends Chapter 47, "Diversion Initiatives," Iowa Administrative Code.

These amendments implement a new program, Promoting Healthy Marriage. This program will use federal funds from the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) block grant to provide information to certain households about the benefits of a healthy and stable marriage. The Department is implementing this program as a means of expanding categorical eligibility for Food Assistance, as directed by the Iowa General Assembly in 2010 Iowa Acts, House File 2526, section 7(4)(d)(2).

There will be no separate application for the Promoting Healthy Marriage Program. Eligibility for the program will automatically be determined when a household applies for Food Assistance. There will be no asset test for eligibility. The income limit will be 160 percent of the federal poverty level for the household size. Eligibility for this program will also establish categorical eligibility for the Iowa Food Assistance Program.

Notice of Intended Action on these amendments was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on August 25, 2010, as **ARC 9019B**. The Department received no comments on the Notice of Intended Action. These amendments are identical to those published under Notice of Intended Action.

Related amendments to Food Assistance rules are published herein as **ARC 9173B**.

These amendments do not provide for waivers in specified situations. Requests for the waiver of any rule may be submitted under the Department's general rule on exceptions at 441—1.8(17A,217).

The Council on Human Services adopted these amendments on October 13, 2010.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code section 234.6.

These amendments shall become effective on January 1, 2011.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Pursuant to recommendation of the Administrative Rules Review Committee published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin, September 10, 1986, the text of these amendments [amendments to Ch 47] is being omitted. These amendments are identical to those published under Notice as **ARC 9019B**, IAB 8/25/10.

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